



A warm welcome to The Catholic Church of St Osmund in Barnes

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MASS INTENTIONS & FEASTS

SUNDAY 14th June

Eleventh Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Ned Eaves RIP

10:30am Quintino Gonçalves
RIP

6:30pm Robertson family
Intentions

MONDAY 15th June

Feria (g)

Pro-populo

TUESDAY 16th June

St Richard of Chichester (w)

Holy Souls

WEDNESDAY 17th June

Feria (g)

Jorge and family intentions

THURSDAY 18th June

Feria (g)

Holy Souls

FRIDAY 19th June

St John Rigby (r)

Felix and Mary Ann McCabe
RIP

SATURDAY 20th June

St Alban (r)

First Holy Communion Mass

SUNDAY 21st June

Twelfth Sunday (A) (g)

8:30am Ian Gomes RIP

10:30am Daniel Joseph
Sullivan RIP

6:30pm Eamonn Magner
RIP

(r) red (g) green (w) white (p) purple

A word from the presbytery...

Everything in this Sunday's Gospel hangs on a single verb: Jesus saw the crowds. Before the Twelve are named, before any mission is given, there is the seeing and on that priority the whole passage turns. The Evangelist's word for what follows, compassion; is in Greek a visceral term, a movement of the depths. Mission, apostolate, Church: all of it is derivative. The gaze is the origin.

Here lies a distinction worth pondering. Human seeing is appraising: we look, we assess, we assign worth according to what we find. Divine seeing is creative: it does not discover value but confers it. Saint Thomas Aquinas states the principle in the *Summa Theologiae*: whereas our love is awakened by the goodness already present in things, the love of God infuses and creates goodness in them. To be seen by Christ, then, is not to be measured. It is to be made. The crowds of Galilee, disordered, leaderless, in the Evangelist's unsparing phrase "harassed and dejected" possessed nothing that solicited the gaze. The gaze itself produced what it beheld: a people capable of being shepherded.

The ancient world sensed what an absolute gaze might mean and recoiled. Whoever

met the eyes of Medusa was turned to stone: beheld totally, and by that beholding annihilated. The myth encodes a fear older than Greece, the fear written into Eden itself, where the first response to the divine presence was concealment. We assume that to be seen entirely is to be finished. Christianity does not dismiss this intuition; it inverts it at the root. The eyes the myth dreaded are real, but their effect runs in the contrary direction: the gaze of Christ does not petrify the living; it quickens the petrified. Ezekiel's promise, 'the heart of stone exchanged for a heart of flesh' is accomplished not by our striving but by our consenting, at last, to be looked upon.

This consent is harder than activity, which is why we so readily prefer activity. Much of our religion is an elaborate negotiation conducted at a safe distance from those eyes. Yet nothing in us will be sent, healed, or made fruitful that has not first been seen. The labourers the harvest requires are not volunteers who present themselves; they are men and women who have stood within that gaze and not fled.

Before the doing, then, the beholding. Everything else in the Christian life is response.



PARISH NOTICES

Exploration of the Gospel of Luke

The second session of this series last Monday proved a real eye-opener, with those present welcoming the rare opportunity to ask the questions one cannot ordinarily ask. The series continues next Monday in the parish hall, and all are warmly invited - even if you have missed the first two sessions. You may learn a thing or two, or discover you knew them all along.

First Holy Communion Mass

Yesterday, Saturday 13 June, sixteen of our children received the Holy Eucharist for the first time — a significant landmark on their journey of faith. We are deeply grateful to Camille Robertson-Cole and her remarkable team of catechists and helpers for preparing the children, and to all who made the day possible: Andy Cole, who designed the booklet; the parents who provided breakfast afterwards; those who decorated the church; the choir; and many others besides. The second and concluding First Holy Communion Mass takes place next Saturday.

Summer Mass Schedule Directive

The Archbishop has directed that every parish should observe a reduced schedule of Mass during the summer holidays, when many parishioners are naturally away. Accordingly, from Sunday 26 July to Sunday 30 August we shall celebrate two Sunday Masses rather than three, at 10:30am and 6:30pm. The 8:30am Mass will be suspended until it resumes on Sunday 6 September.

Youth Worship Band

Anyone interested in playing guitar, piano, singing, cajón, triangle (or any other instrument!) is welcome to get involved. If your child, or you, would like to take part, email the office (barnes@rcaos.org.uk).

Establishing a Parish Youth Group

We are now in the final stages of establishing a parish youth group. Please speak to Mark or Fr Ola if you can help.



NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE & BEYOND

Peter's Pence

Next Sunday's second collection is for Peter's Pence. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are destined to church needs, humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects as well as to the support of the Holy See. The Pope, being the pastor of the whole Church, is attentive to the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in grave difficulties: the poor, children, the elderly, those marginalized and the victims of war and natural disasters. Aid is thus made available to bishops or dioceses in need, to Catholic education, assistance, to refugees, and immigrants, etc

Could You Become a Governor?

Governors work together as a team to ensure a good standard of education is being achieved across the schools within the Archdiocese of Southwark. You do not need to be a parent or work in the education sector, and it is an opportunity to develop the skills you have and to improve the futures of children today. Register your interest by visiting:

rcaoseducation.org.uk/could-you-be-a-governor

Building a Better Marriage

A one-day course for married couples of any age to explore their relationship and deepen communication. All discussion remains private to each couple. 2026 dates (9am–4.30pm): 27 June (Tooting); 3 October (West Norwood).

Booking essential: (mflkent@rcaos.org.uk)

Norbertine Rite Mass at Bayham Old Abbey, 11 July

Experience a sung Missa Cantata in the Norbertine Rite at Bayham Old Abbey on the site where Premonstratensian canons once worshipped. Programme includes tour, historic talk and a Gregorian chant workshop followed by Solemn Missa Cantata (3pm). Bring a picnic, chairs, and sensible footwear. Parking available. Register at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/121267239890>



PARISH DIARY

Come & Explore the Gospel of St Luke:

Monday 15 June: 6:30pm - 7:45pm (Hall)

Mothers' Prayers Group:

Tues 16 June, 10:30am (Presbytery)

First Holy Communion Mass:

Saturday 20 June at 10am

Next Children's Mass:

Sunday 12 July: 10:30am

Parish Garden Barbecue: Sun 28 June

Following the 10:30am Mass on Sunday 28 June, all members of our parish family are warmly invited to a parish barbecue celebrating those who have recently received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. All are welcome including those who usually attend other Mass times.

Please sign up to help or bring food and drink items by scanning the QR code.



Barnes Fair 2026

This year's Barnes Fair will take place on Saturday 11 July, and our parish Church and school will once again have our much-loved stall, selling handmade items, Margaret's wonderful jam, lemonade, lavender bags, and other lovely contributions. There will be an opportunity soon for volunteers to sign up to help on the day, but in the meantime we would be very grateful to hear from anyone who might like to contribute handmade items for the stall.

We would also like to include a simple fairground game for children; should this be something you or your family would enjoy making, please contact Cath in the Parish Office or the PTFA. Thank you, as always, for your generous support.

The PTFA can be contacted at Stosmundsptfa@live.co.uk



PRAYER LIST

For those who are unwell, especially:

Audrey Smith
Andrew Brodrick-Ward
Phyllis O'Kelly
Janet Waddington
David Stabb

John Scott
Joan Moore
Charles Stillier
Maureen Carr



IN REMEMBRANCE

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Marguerite Delsol
Bernard Blair
Robert Tuhey
Anne Munro
Joyce Codrington

Ned Eaves
Derek Kelsey
Christy Noonan
Alfred Bullen
Abby King



USEFUL INFORMATION

Tea, coffee and cake!

Join us in the Church Hall every Sunday after the 10:30am Mass. Donations welcome.

Car parking

Limited car parking is available at the back of the church.

Recycling

Parish recycling is co-ordinated by the Green Team. Please contact the parish office if you would like to get involved.

Food bank collections

Items for our local food bank can be placed in the container in the Narthex.

Homemade jam and marmalade

Made by one of parishioners, these are available to purchase in the Narthex. Cash or contactless payments welcome.

Sunday Mass Times

8:30am, 10:30am, 6:30pm

Weekday Mass Times

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 10:00am

Thurs 6:30pm

Sat (Latin) 10:00am

Confessions

Fri 9:00-9:50am

Sun 9:45-10:15am & 6:00-6:20pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Fri 9:00-10:00am

For baptisms, weddings and Mass intentions, please contact the Parish Office



SALVE REGINA

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.



THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTION

June: For the values of sports

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



PARISH GIVING

Thank you for supporting St Osmund's. Your generosity helps maintain our church and sustain parish life.

Full details on all ways to give, including standing orders and Give As You Live (donations when you shop online) can be found on our website or by using the QR code below.

If you are eligible, please consider Gift Aid, which increases your donation by 25% at no extra cost.

Contactless payments: We have several payment portals in the Narthex for easy, instant donations.

BANK DETAILS

Account name:

Barnes St Osmund Main Account

Sort code:

60-01-39

Account number:

11311096

Reference:

Surname/Donation Purpose



SECOND COLLECTION

This Sunday's Second Collection

Day For Life: This is the day in the Church's Life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from the Day of Life collection provide core funding to assist other life- related activities supported by the Church.

Next Sunday's Second Collection

Peter's Pence

Parish Priest: Father Oladele Craig | Parish Administrator: Cath Brizzell

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